

## AT CRISES IN CZAR'S REALM

Minister Mirsky, Displaced  
From Confidence, to Leave.

### WITTE ACCUSED INTRIGUE

His Return to Power With Authority  
Equalled Only by Melikoff's in Nihilist  
Times Forecast — Seeka Office,  
Then Reform.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 9.—M. Witte as Interior Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky's successor and holding a position in the councils of Emperor Nicholas approaching Gen. Loris Melikoff's during the trying Nihilist days of Alexander II., may be one of the startling results of the contest waging over interior reforms.

The popular idea has been that Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky and M. Witte were acting in harmony in this matter, but the Associated Press learns from the highest source that exactly the opposite is the fact. They can more properly be described as rivals and opponents than as friends.

Despite the difficulty of Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky's role since he assumed office, owing to the powerful influences arrayed against him he has been able to hold his own with continued marks of the emperor's confidence and approval.

With M. Witte's advent upon the scene, however, the situation changed. Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky stuck manfully by his guns, defending the policy on which he accepted office, but he found M. Witte antagonizing the very principles which he considered vital, thus rallying his opponents on his side, and the prince found the ground slipping from under him.

M. de Witte prevailed in the matter.

### HE WAS "MISLED," SAYS GEN. STOESEL

Hero of Port Arthur, Astonished to Hear  
of Kuropatkin's Defeat, In-  
mates He Was De-  
ceived.

Headquarters Third Japanese Army at Port Arthur, Jan. 7, via Tientsin, Jan. 9.—Capt. Teinoda, the Japanese staff officer who was sent to Port Arthur to inform Gen. Stoessel of the message of the emperor of Japan, which ordered that the garrison be treated with the greatest consideration, says:

"Gen. Stoessel's first inquiry was for the whereabouts of Gen. Kuropatkin. I said I did not know exactly, but understood he was somewhere about Mukden.

"Gen. Stoessel remarked that he had last heard from Gen. Kuropatkin on Oct. 6, when the latter had said he would come to relieve Port Arthur soon. Gen. Stoessel added that he had sent out Chinese spies, who had returned and reported that Gen. Kuropatkin, with a relieving army, was at Kinohou, twenty miles north of Port Arthur.

"Gen. Stoessel was plainly incredulous at my statement that Gen. Kuropatkin had been defeated and driven back toward Mukden, so I produced maps, showed him the position of the two armies near Shakh river, and gave Stoessel details of Kuropatkin's defeat with the loss of 50,000 to 60,000 men, at which the Russian general expressed amazement and quickly remarked that he had been misled.

"Gen. Stoessel then asked where the Baltic fleet was, and I told him that some of the ships had not passed Cape of Good Hope.

"With a hopeless expression, Gen. Stoessel said:

"Now that Port Arthur has fallen there is no use for the fleet coming any further."

"I then asked Gen. Stoessel what had caused the most damage to the garrison during the siege, and he replied:

"Your 11-inch howitzers. After they arrived our defensive works became useless."

"Gen. Stoessel then pointed out that he and Admiral Alexoff had been through the Boxer trouble, and had seen the work of the Japanese army. Gen. Stoessel also said he had been associated with the Japanese Generals Yamaguchi and Fukushima at that time, and expressed the opinion that the Russian and Japanese forces had borne the lion's

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share of the work. Since then he had had a high idea of the organization and fighting qualities of the Japanese army.

"The real cause of the war was, in Gen. Stoessel's opinion, the ignorance of the Russian people of the fighting qualities of the Japanese. The first attack on Port Arthur in February by the Japanese fleet was a tremendous surprise. The forts, the general explained, were only partly garrisoned by 2,000 troops.

"At this point Gen. Stoessel said he had always opposed the scheme of Governor Sakharoff of Port Dalny of spending money in building up Port Dalny instead of finishing up the defenses of Port Arthur. Sakharoff, who was an engineer officer, died of dysentery during the siege.

"Continuing, Gen. Stoessel praised the ingenuity, pluck and patience of the Japanese infantry, especially in making siege parallels and trenches to the forts.

Referring to the artillery, Gen. Stoessel said that at first he did not think the artillery practice good, but he was soon compelled to realize how good it was. Gen. Kondratenko and a colonel of engineers (Irmann), Gen. Stoessel pointed out, were killed in North Keelwan fort by a Japanese shell just prior to the explosion on Dec. 18. Gen. Stoessel felt their loss greatly, as Kondratenko was a clever engineer.

"Gen. Stoessel added that he had served his emperor in three wars, and had been three times wounded, first in the Russo-Turkish war, second in the Boxer trouble, and third at Port Arthur. Now he felt he had earned the right to return to Russia to live in his old age with his family.

The general added that he was taking home with him five children of officers who had been killed during the siege.

"After his conference with Gen. Nogi, Gen. Stoessel expressed gratification at meeting so pleasant a gentleman. He had not expected the considerate treatment accorded to him. Gen. Nogi appeared to him as an old friend rather than as the commander of an army which had forced him to surrender."

### GAVE 5 YEAR OLD SON GIN, AND BOY HAS DIED.

Hartford Teamster Arrested for Allow-  
ing Child to Drink Fiery  
Tipple.

Hartford, Ct., Jan. 5.—Because of the death of his 5-year-old son, Francis, from the effects of gin drinking, John Garrity, a teamster, has been placed under arrest. The boy's death occurred in the Hartford hospital, to which he was taken from his home on Sunday morning, after the police had learned of the case through the child's mother. The father is said to have admitted to the medical examiner that he had given the child a quantity of gin, although the boy had not asked for it.

### HIS RECEPTION COOL.

Kingdon Gould Returns to His Class at  
Columbia.

New York, Jan. 9.—Kingdon Gould, who discharged a pistol when some Columbia sophomores were pursuing him, as an officer of the freshman class, three weeks ago, and has not attended classes at the university since, returned today when lectures were resumed after the Christmas recess. His reception by his classmates was cool.

Aigeltier, Cauchios, Doty and Finch, the four sophomores who were suspended by President Butler after young Gould fired his pistol, the suspension to last until February, were also allowed to attend their lectures today.

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## WILL NOT INTERFERE

Governor Bell Says He Will  
Let Law

### TAKE ITS COURSE.

In Case of Mary Rogers — Will Not  
Grant Reprieve — The  
Woman Must  
Hang.

Montpelier, Jan. 10.—Gov. C. J. Bell will do nothing for Mary M. Rogers and she must hang in February as provided by law. Gov. Bell, who is attending the grange, sugar makers and butter makers meeting here, has said: "I see no reason why the laws of Vermont should not take their course. I have been importuned by some to interfere and by others not to. I consider the whole matter was thoroughly threshed out in the legislature. If there had been any question on the vote it would be another matter, but there was no such question. No matter what may be my personal views on capital punishment, I do not consider that I have any right to interfere with the laws of the state. I was elected by the people to enforce and not set aside the laws of the commonwealth."

### NO SPECTACULAR FEATURES.

Execution of Mary Rogers Will be As  
Quiet as Possible.

Rutland, Jan. 10.—John N. Woodfin of this city, chairman of the state board of prison commissioners, stated today that not one of the numerous papers and magazines in this section of the country will be granted permission to take photographs of the state prison at Windsor in connection with the coming execution of Mrs. Mary Rogers, the Bennington murderess. Applications are now being made by the score, it is apparently being the intention of the papers in the larger cities to make a great feature of the case.

A large number of camera fiends have appeared at Windsor within the past few days for the purpose of taking photographs for publication but all of them have been denied access to the prison by Warden Oakes. In each case their next move was to communicate with Chairman Woodfin, but no better success has been obtained here. An artist from one of the big New York dailies was very indignant yesterday when after journeying from the metropolis to Windsor he was told by the superintendent that he could take no pictures without the consent of Chairman Woodfin. When the latter was denied the artist contented himself with taking a photograph of the prison at a distance and hinting that he would draw upon his imagination for the interior views.

The prison commissioners will do all they can in this case to hinder the city papers and the magazines from making the execution of Mrs. Rogers spectacular, as the latter doubtless intend to do.

### STATE AID FOR HIGHWAYS.

Three Bills Being Prepared in New  
Hampshire.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 9.—Drafts of three bills providing for state aid for the construction and maintenance of highways will be submitted to the New Hampshire legislature this week by former Governor N. J. Batchelder and his council, who were instructed by the last legislature to investigate this subject. Their report, made public today, states that while the governor and members of the council were agreed as to the necessity for some form of state aid in highway improvement, they were unable to reach an agreement as to the exact nature such aid should assume. Therefore three bills will be submitted without prejudice to the legislature.

The first bill provides for an appropriation of \$125,000 a year for five years, to be allotted by the governor and council for the improvement of selected highways in such towns as make the most liberal appropriations in proportion to their valuation for permanent work upon such highways.

The same appropriation is provided for in the second appropriation bill, which is practically identical in principle with the first, but creates a state highway commission and a state engineer to have control of the expenditures under the act.

The third bill provides for a bond issue of \$1,000,000 the proceeds of which are to be expended in eight years in the construction of three highways from the state line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire to a point near Fabyans, in the heart of the White Mountains. These highways are to follow the valleys of the Saco, Merrimack and Connecticut rivers. The bill also provides for an appropriation of \$75,000 a year for five years for aid to towns not traversed by these highways along the lines of the first two bills.

When the report is presented to the legislature this week it is expected that it will be referred to the committee on public improvements.

### NOT TO SUCCEED MILNER.

Lowther Denies Rumor as to South  
Africa.

London, Jan. 9.—J. W. Lowther, M. P., denies the report circulated by the Liverpool Post that he is to succeed Lord Milner as high commissioner in South Africa.

### FOLK EPIGRAMMATIC.

Missouri's New Governor in a Plea for  
Civic Purity.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 9.—Gov. Joseph W. Folk, in his inaugural today said:

"Partisanship is a good thing sometimes, but patriotism is a better thing all the time. Partisanship is well enough when it does not conflict with patriotism, but patriotism is a higher virtue than partisanship. Some of you are Democrats, some are Republicans, all are Missourians. In the discharge of official duties, let us be Missourians before we are anything else. You cannot help your party by injuring the public. One may be in private life a Democrat or a Republican, but when he steps into public office, he becomes a public servant—a servant of all the people.

"You are here as legislators, not as politicians, and the welfare of the state should ever be your first consideration. If there be any corruption during this session of the General Assembly, it would be a disgrace to the state and a reflection on every man in this body, and upon every official in the state government. It is too often the tendency of good men in the legislative bodies to close their eyes to things of this nature, satisfied with their own honesty, but forgetting that it is as much their duty to protect and defend the honor of the state as it is their own honor. An official can embellish public power as well as public money. One in public office has no more right to use official powers for personal ends than he would have to put his hands into the public treasury to pay a private debt.

He also spoke in favor of electing United States Senators by the people, declared it was the province of the governor of the state to keep the public peace by settling disputes between employers and employees, said the state should not license gambling in any form, whether it be a lottery or pool selling on horse races, adding that "the pernicious effect on public morals is not lessened by requiring a fence to be put around the place where the racing is carried on. There is no magic in a license to change moral wrong into innocence."

### BUT FEW ASSETS.

Chadwick Securities Grossly Exaggerated,  
Looser Says.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Nathan Looser of Cleveland, receiver of the estate of Mrs. Chadwick, was in Buffalo yesterday on his way home from New York, where he had been making an investigation in connection with the Chadwick estate. Mr. Looser said that he fears the amount of the assets of the estate so far in hand has been grossly exaggerated.

"The property which I have in my possession now, including the house, real estate and household effects, ought, if sold, to bring about \$100,000. There is a real estate mortgage of \$35,000 on that and a chattel mortgage of \$7,000," he said.

Mr. Looser also discussed the \$5,000,000 note alleged to bear the name of Andrew Carnegie, the signature of which Mr. Carnegie has denied. Mr. Looser described the note as an asset, but refrained from saying what value he placed upon it.

### SHIP REPORT IN SENATE.

Referred to the Committee on Com-  
merce.

Washington, Jan. 9.—When the Senate convened today Mr. Mallory presented the minority report of the Merchant Marine Commission. It was referred to the committee on commerce. A resolution was passed providing for the printing of six thousand copies of the proceedings at hearings before the commission, and the same number of copies of the majority report. At the request of Mr. Lodge, the Senate set apart Jan. 28 for the delivery of addresses on the life and character of the late Senator Hoar.

The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations:  
Consul—Howard D. Van Sant, New Jersey, at Guelph, Ont., Canada.  
Brigadier generals on the retired list of the army—Colonel William L. Alexander, assistant commissary general; Colonel Charles M. Terrill, retired.

When the House convened today, Mr. Van Voorhis of Ohio, from the committee on appropriations, reported the pension appropriation bill. At the same time Mr. Underwood of Alabama submitted the views of the minority in reference to it. The House then went into committee of the whole for the consideration of measures relating to the District of Columbia, Mr. Currier of New Hampshire in the chair.

### SUSPEND TWO MORE OFFICIALS.

Result of the Investigation of Land  
Frauds.

Washington, Jan. 9.—As the result of the investigation and prosecution of the land fraud cases in Oregon, the President today signed an order suspending from office James H. Booth and Joseph T. Bridges, respectively register and receiver of the United States land office at Roseburg, Or. The action was on recommendation of Secretary Hitchcock and was based on a telegram from Assistant United States District Attorney Henry, who alleged that the affairs of the Roseburg office were in bad condition. Special Agent Hechhausen has been ordered to take charge of the Roseburg office.

### GIFT OF \$100,000 FOR TUFTS.

Andrew Carnegie's Munificence Will Pro-  
vide a New Library Building.

Boston, Jan. 9.—Andrew Carnegie has given \$100,000 to Tufts College for the erection of a library building. The gift was announced in chapel this morning, and is understood to be without conditions.

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## TWO DROWNED AT ORWELL

Father Loses Life Trying to  
Rescue Daughter.

### GIRL FELL INTO STREAM

Father Dashed in After Her and Both  
Were Swept Away by  
the Rapid Cur-  
rent.

Orwell, Jan. 9.—A sad drowning accident occurred here Saturday at about 5 o'clock p. m., in which Henry Odell and his daughter Lizzie, 17 years old, lost their lives. The girl went to the stream near the house for a pail of water, and the shore being icy, slipped in. Her little brother, seeing the accident, ran for his father, who rushed to the creek and plunged in after the girl. The water being high and the current strong, both were carried down stream, and soon lost to sight.

Help was summoned, but no trace of them could be found that night. Sunday morning about thirty men gathered, and searched the stream with boats and hooks until afternoon, but neither of the bodies was found. The stream joins East Creek about a mile from the scene of the accident. Here the ice which had broken up, was piled in a jam. This was partly cleared away, but without result.

Mr. Odell was about 45 years of age and was an industrious man of good habits. He leaves a widow with three children, the oldest about 12 years old, and a son, about 20 years of age, by a former marriage.

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### MILLS CLAIM LARGE GAINS.

This Disputed by Strikers in Fall River,  
Mass.

Fall River, Jan. 9.—The mills claim large gains at the opening of the twenty-fifth week of the strike, but labor leaders say all gains have been offset by losses. Another strike is on at the Bourse mills. The plant had succeeded in securing thirty-five weavers, and they all came out this morning. The weavers allege that they were unable to average over \$5.30 a week on twenty looms, and but \$3.75 on sixteen looms. Most of the hands that were at work in this department came from the north section of the city and they allege they were promised standing pay. When they received their envelopes, they say, and found they were not given sufficient to pay board and car fare, they held a meeting and decided to strike. The weavers were also incensed because a second hand was discharged and they wanted him restored to his position. There is no change in the general situation. Labor leaders are willing to accept the good offices of Judge McDonough, who offered to act as arbitrator, but they have little hope that the manufacturers will accept any proposition but unconditional surrender, which they say will never occur.

### BLOODSHED IN GROTTTO.

Greek and Latin Clergy Fight at Christ's  
Birthplace.

Jerusalem, Jan. 9.—The Greek Christmas observance in the grotto of the nativity of Bethlehem were marked by a sharp fight between Greek and Latin clergy, arising from the old-time jealousy regarding protection of the grotto. The Greek patriarch was celebrating midnight mass when Franciscan monks created a disturbance. A collision ensued, resulting in some bloodshed. The governor had to be summoned to quell the rioting.

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